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To His Excellency
THE PANGLIMA ABRI TIMOR-TIMUR
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Your Excellency:

The undersigned Fr. José Carbonell, SDB, Provincial Superior of the Salesians of St. John Bosco in Indonesia, Fr. Andrés Calleja, SDB and Fr. Eligio Locatelli, SDB, Rector and Administrator respectively of STM Don Bosco Fatumaka, want to declare:

1.- The whole ceremony at Tasi-Tolu, on the occasion of the visit of the Pope John Paul II to Dili, has been a success of organization and cooperation of all people envolved both those from Dili as well as the others who came from different parts of the island of Timor. This could not have been possible without the help of ABRI which placed at the disposal of the "Panitias" trucks and boats for the transportation, security and any kind of assistance. All thanks to ABRI.

The same Holy Father John Paul II expressed his happiness and full satisfaction to Bishop Mgr. Belo.

2.- The STM Don Bosco Fatumaka participated at the gathering of Tasi-Tolu with 265 students, accompanied by Superiors and Teachers.

They were wearing the green T-shirt of the School in order to be identified and, in this way, [illegible] Tasi-Tolu [illegible] the group of the Choir.

3.- Everything went on smoothly until the last moment when another group (more or less of 20 people) of unidentified boys, some covering their faces and very shabily dressed, wanted to mix with the Choir and with our Students of Fatumaka, trying to envolve them and pushing them ahead in front-line.

By chance was still there the same Fr. Rector Andrés Calleja at the end of distributing Holy Communion.

In the running to and fro of those unidentified boys, the Rector himself was able to separate from them our Students of Fatumaka. In this intervention he was helped, or at least was witnessed, by Komandan Bapak Prabowo who by chance was also near the group of Fatumaka Students. Although attracted and encouraged by shouts, the Fatumaka Students, as a body, didn't join the group of those 20 people (or less) who made the demonstration, the pictures taken by the police and by others can prove it.

Other people around were indifferent to the happening and continue shouting and singing "Viva il Papa!" "Christus vincit, Christus regnat" while waving the drap " yellow-white" (like it was done in Jakarta -Senayen Stadion).

The disturbance-show didn't make any importance compared with the success of order, discipline and devotion of the whole ceremony as well when all people were orderly going-walking home and greeting normally to the Holy Father in his way to Komoro.

Unfortunately the disturbance happened in front-line and could be observed by people of the Tres who maybe can exploit more the noise of one tree falling down, than the silent growth of 250.000 (or more) tress in the forest...

4.- According to Sister Maria Rosa (Canossians at Lecidere-Dili) who was in the service of the altar, she clearly observed that during the Mass, a goup of more or less 4 people (at the right side) were painting sycamore, and the same Sister was able to recognize them later on at the moment of the demonstration.

5.- The STM Don Bosco Fatumaka would like to express a deep regret and

full rejection for what was done by that group of unidentified boys, taking advantage of the visit of the Pope and of the sacred-peaceful order of the ceremony.

STM Don Bosco Fatumaka wants to repeat once again that was not at all envolved in that disorder, and that if any of its students is proven that made something wrong, it will be the same School the one taking action because he went against our policy and the special directives given to all the students by the Rector of the School precisely for this occasion of the gathering at Tasi-Tolu.

Finally we deeply regret also that some of our students were hunted and arrested indiscriminately during the night of Oct. 12 because wearing the green T-shirt of the School of Fatumaka, they were brought to the police-station, beaten (one of them not yet recovered and not yet home), interrogated in a very prejudicial way, trying and forcing them to mention Fr. Locatelli and Fr. A. Calleja as the leaders of the School of Fatumaka who provoked the disorder of Tasi-Tolu at the end of the Mass.

The boys who were arrested told us that they were invited to raise streamers (recently painted or the same) like those of the manifestants, while a photo-camera wanted to catch them with the background of the video-screen with the scenes of the tumult of the manifestants at Tasi-Tolo...

To say the whole truth, our students said that there were police-men with very good manners.

These happenings at the police-station are absolutely unfair, and still worse the communication sent to Jakarta that the School of Fatumaka has been the cause of the disorder, as it was said by Radio Indonesia, the Koran ABRI in Dili, other newspapers, Radio Australia, Radio Holland, etc.

Bapak Panglima, accept this declaration; and for the sake of truth, justice and honesty, after the investigations that have been done and being already identified those guilty of the disturbance at Tasi-Tolu, please, take immediate and opportune action, to communicate to Jakarta and to the Media that there has not been envolvement of STM Don Bosco Fatumaka in the disorder of Tasi-Tolu, so that its name be again clean and brilliant (within and outside the country),

and in this way we could continue our mission
in preparing good christians and good citizens
for INDONESIA.

Respectfully

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Provincial Superior

Fr. Andres Calleja, SDB
Rector

Fr. Eligio Locatelli, SDB
Administrator

STM DON BOSCO FATUMAKA - BAUCAU

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